
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Amy Aldana, Scott Andrews, Aurora Chavez, Susie Doss, Christina Duran, Albert Figueroa, Norm Gritton, Lorraine Hernandez Saint, Cindy Jensen, Gurumantra Khalsa, Karin Roberts, Justin Scott-Coe, and Nancy Sturmer.

Members Absent: Nancy Hart, Jeff Kraus, Wil Lopez, Taffi Romero, and Paul Van Doren.

Mayor/Council Members: Council Member Andy Melendrez

Guests: Ana Hernandez and Ardess E. Lilly, Jr., U.S. Census Bureau; Molly Mathis, Paul Chavez, and Lisa Diggs

Staff: Eva Yakutis, Hilda Gonzalez, and Lori Gjelhag, Housing & Neighborhoods Division.

1. Call to Order/Introductions –

Vice Chairperson Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes for October 6, 2008 –

(Sturmer/Doss/carried)

3. Visiting Council Members/Mayor’s Office –

Ward 2, Council Member Andy Melendrez reported.

Mayor’s office – Brenda Flowers reported on recent MNO and asked RNP members to review article on Santa Clarita’s Extreme Neighborhood Makeover Program and come up with ideas. Karin stated that Habitat has a program similar to Santa Clarita’s and if anyone is interested in getting volunteers to contact her.

4. Presentation – Census 2010 – Ardess E. Lilly, Jr. spoke on behalf of U.S. Census Bureau.

5. Neighborhood Watch Update – Eva mentioned meeting with PSR’s.

6. Housing and Neighborhoods Report –

- a. Council/Redevelopment Agency Reports – Eva reported.
- b. City Employee Award Program – None
- c. Attendance Report – Melvin Ryman has resigned; Norm Gritton is now permanent RNP Board Member.
- d. New Neighborhood Groups – None
- e. Neighborhood Leadership Academy – Eva reported.

7. Subcommittee Reports –

- a) Bylaws Subcommittee – Justin to be added to Bylaws Subcommittee.
- b) Non-profit Subcommittee Report – Eva to set up meeting.
- c) Neighborhood Conference Subcommittee – None
- d) Marketing Subcommittee – None
- e) Neighborhood Matching Grant Subcommittee – None
- f) Neighborhood Awards Subcommittee – None

8. RNP board member reports/activities/neighborhood assistance –

- Aurora suggested that RNP Board Members keep a log of all meetings or conferences attended.
- Christina reported about last group meeting she attended; there is a concern about the numbers of police officers.
- Cindy expressed her concern about Neighborhood Caucus. Cindy will head subcommittee for Neighborhood Caucus; Aurora volunteered to be on Cindy's subcommittee.
- Nancy talked about the Riverside Renovators – group that is passionate about historic homes.

9. Concerns from Visiting Neighbors –

- Paul Chavez reported on Villegas Park activities.
- Lisa Diggs reported on behalf of DANA.
- Molly Mathis requested report on Riverside Renaissance (money left over from that, etc.)

10. New Business

- Neighborhood Caucus 2009 – Eva made suggestions. Cindy will head Neighborhood Caucus subcommittee.

11. Future Agenda Items –

December –

- Log sheet for meetings and conferences attended by RNP Board Members.

12. Next Meeting: December 1st, Holiday Potluck -- Mayor's Ceremonial Room

13. Adjournment – 7:58 p.m.